

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONDAY, April 1—P. M.

The share market is exceedingly dull, but comparatively steady. Transactions are limited, reflecting the closeness of the money market. Brokers, however, are as usual as Mark Tapley in anticipation of improvement, and the steadiness of the market under so many difficulties is certainly a favorable symptom. At the early board stocks were quite strong, but fell off during the day 1/4 to 1/2 percent, with one or two exceptions. After the close the market closed steady, with a slight improvement.

Money is active at seven per cent on call loans. The general expectation that the commencement of the week would usher in an easier money market has not been realized. The bank contraction in loans—amounting to nearly \$8,000,000 in two weeks—has seriously deranged business, and it will probably take some little time to recover. The bank statement of this week, as compared with that of March 23, exhibits further material changes. The line of loans has decreased \$4,117,901, of deposits \$3,895,365, and of specie \$221,304. There has been an increase in legal tenders amounting to \$1,554,885, and in circulation \$149,794. The details of the two statements are subjoined:—

	March 23.	March 30.
Loans	\$259,400,315	\$253,233,364
Deposits	9,143,913	8,222,609
Specie	33,519,401	33,669,149
Legal tenders	16,338,095	17,892,980
Gold	60,904,958	62,498,811
Coin	472,202,378	450,850,022
Balance	18,338,095	19,618,608

At the ten o'clock open board New York Central closed at 105 1/2; Erie, 65 1/2; Michigan Southern, 74 1/2; Hudson, 137 1/2; Rock Island, 92 1/2; Northwestern preferred, 65 1/2.

At the first regular board New York Central closed 1/4 higher than at the corresponding time on Saturday; Northwestern, 1/4; do. preferred, 1/4; Pacific mail, 1/4; Western Union Telegraph, 1/4; Erie was 1/4 lower; Michigan Southern, 1/4; Rock Island, 1/4; Hudson, 1/4; Northwestern, 1/4; do. preferred, 1/4; Illinois Central, 1/4; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 1/4; Rock Island, 1/4; Northwestern preferred, 1/4.

At the one o'clock open board New York Central closed at 105 1/2; Erie, 65 1/2; Michigan Southern, 74 1/2; Hudson, 137 1/2; Rock Island, 92 1/2; Northwestern preferred, 65 1/2.

At the half-past two regular board New York Central closed 1/4 lower than at the first regular board; Rock Island, 1/4; Northwestern, 1/4; do. preferred, 1/4; Illinois Central, 1/4; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 1/4; Rock Island, 1/4; Northwestern preferred, 1/4.

At the quarter-past three open board New York Central closed at 106 1/2 (3); Erie, 66 1/2 (3); Hudson, 137 1/2 (3); Michigan Southern, 75 1/2 (3); Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 75 1/2 (3); Rock Island, 92 1/2 (3); Northwestern, 65 1/2 (3); do. preferred, 64 1/2 (3); Pacific mail, 1/4; Western Union Telegraph, 1/4.

At five o'clock the market was firm at the following quotations:—New York Central, 105 1/2; Erie, 65 1/2; Michigan Southern, 74 1/2; Hudson, 137 1/2; Rock Island, 92 1/2; Northwestern, 65 1/2; do. preferred, 64 1/2; Pacific mail, 1/4; Western Union Telegraph, 1/4.

Mining stocks were dull, but firm. At the first board Consolidated Gregory Gold closed 26c higher than at the corresponding time on Saturday, selling at \$9.30; Quartz Hill 18c, selling at \$3.20; Columbia Gold and Silver 6c, selling at \$3.15. Alameda closed steady at \$9.30 (3). At the second board the market was bearish. Consolidated Gregory Gold closed 5c lower than at the first board, selling at \$9.25; Gunnell Gold 5c, selling at \$4.75; Quartz Hill 18c, selling at \$3.15.

Government securities were steady, with a decline of 1/4 percent in five-twenty in the London. Bond quotations:—Size of 1881, coupon, rate at 100 1/2; 1882, 100 1/2; 1883, 100 1/2; 1884, 100 1/2; 1885, 100 1/2; 1886, 100 1/2; 1887, 100 1/2; 1888, 100 1/2; 1889, 100 1/2; 1890, 100 1/2; 1891, 100 1/2; 1892, 100 1/2; 1893, 100 1/2; 1894, 100 1/2; 1895, 100 1/2; 1896, 100 1/2; 1897, 100 1/2; 1898, 100 1/2; 1899, 100 1/2; 1900, 100 1/2; 1901, 100 1/2; 1902, 100 1/2; 1903, 100 1/2; 1904, 100 1/2; 1905, 100 1/2; 1906, 100 1/2; 1907, 100 1/2; 1908, 100 1/2; 1909, 100 1/2; 1910, 100 1/2; 1911, 100 1/2; 1912, 100 1/2; 1913, 100 1/2; 1914, 100 1/2; 1915, 100 1/2; 1916, 100 1/2; 1917, 100 1/2; 1918, 100 1/2; 1919, 100 1/2; 1920, 100 1/2; 1921, 100 1/2; 1922, 100 1/2; 1923, 100 1/2; 1924, 100 1/2; 1925, 100 1/2; 1926, 100 1/2; 1927, 100 1/2; 1928, 100 1/2; 1929, 100 1/2; 1930, 100 1/2; 1931, 100 1/2; 1932, 100 1/2; 1933, 100 1/2; 1934, 100 1/2; 1935, 100 1/2; 1936, 100 1/2; 1937, 100 1/2; 1938, 100 1/2; 1939, 100 1/2; 1940, 100 1/2; 1941, 100 1/2; 1942, 100 1/2; 1943, 100 1/2; 1944, 100 1/2; 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